

A.D. 1658.

Informant, he said he was to go to some friends in Southwark, before he was to come to the Bell as aforesaid; and said, he had been up and down all this day to acquaint his friends with the design of this night's rising. And this informant saith, the said Cane was with him four or five days ago, and told him, he should see such a sight in London, that he had not seen a good while before; and when it was to be executed, would come and acquaint him with it. And in discourse this day, he bid this informant fear nothing; for this night they should be able to do their work, and bring them now under, that kept them under so all this while; and said they should have gold and silver enough to-morrow eleven of the clock, for they would plunder all the goldsmiths shops in London. And also promised this informant four months pay, which he said he should have in hand; and also said, though he could not prefer him at present as he desired, yet he should have a halbert, and better preferment after. And further said, when they had routed that party in the city, there would be few apprentices, journeymen, and others, that he doubted not, but that they should have forty thousand in 24 hours; and bid him not fail, but to be at the Bell aforesaid, before nine rather than after, and to inquire for Mr. Roberts instead of his name; because, he said, upon such a design, they must take any name.

JOHN HALLEMAN.

*Letter from Marcus Mom.*London Tower, the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1658.Vol. lix.  
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**M**UCH beloved father, greeting. I have received your acceptable of the 17<sup>th</sup> current, which in this cannot be answered, because the present condition wherein I am will not permit it, which (to inform you of it) is, that I do not follow here a suit in law upon account of captain Govert Tyssen, who was owner of the tobacco that you sent, against one Thomas Couwell, who had made seizure on the said goods by letters of marque, all which I have defended, and gotten the goods free; and having since disposed of the said goods, I arrested the said Thomas Couwell, and intended an action of damage and expences against him; which suit having won, and being ordained, that he should give me 150l. sterling for the damage and charges, I got an execution against him for the said moneys; and because I have pursued the said suit something hard, he often threatened to be the death of me, yea to make me come to the gallows, which I do not fear. In fine, seeing he could revenge himself with no other action against me, hath made a declaration, that I should have offended the protector and his counsel with injurious words, and held correspondence with the enemies of this state; which the said Thomas Couwell hath sworn absolutely against me. Whereupon, last saturday morning very early, I have been (though unguilty) taken by soldiers out of my bed, and led prisoner into the Tower; wherein it is very easy to come into, but very hard to get out. Therefore I beseech you; that you would be pleased to go with the first occasion to the Hague, and to make it known to the ambassador Nieuport, and to intreat him to send a letter of recommendation to his secretary Crooke being here, or else to Mr. Strickland, who is here one of the council of state, and hath great favour, that I only may be heard with my witneses; for I am unguilty, and that which is declared, is but of pure malice against me. I intreat you to use all diligence to get recommendation; for the long being here, is of great charges; in the mean time, many friends use all diligence to help me out. So I recommend me to your good fatherly care; and commit you to the protection of the Almighty.

Subscribitur,

MARCUS MOM.

Agreeth with its original, written in Low-Dutch, and translated by me, translator of the high and mighty lords the states general of these United Provinces; in  
*fidem ejus signavi,*

G. LO COEUR.

John Cooke, &amp;c. to Sir John Copleston.

HONORABLE,

Vol. lix. p. 75. **I**N pursuance of your instructions wee speeded to Dorchester, where wee came on Monday night aboute eight att night, delayinge the time untill then, because wee would avoid observation in our cominge; and in order to the concealment of ourselves, left our swords



att Burport. Suddenly after our cominge to Dorchester, wee delivered your honor's A.D. 1658. letter to Mr. Bushrode, who thereupon readily engaged his best assistance; then acquaintinge us, that some of the Annabaptists had beene with the major, (himselfe and major Strange being present) and desired to have one of the churches to meete in; which, after some consideration and debate, hee refused to grante them. One tuesday morninge, a trusty and fitt agent attendinge them, thereby to gett knowledge of the number and quality of the persons assembled, as also what they did, who acquainted us, that the wholl forenoone was spent in receiveinge and readinge certaine letters, (by them styled epistles) which were sent by the respective churches, whose messengers there mett; whereof there were many. The inscription of all which epistles was this, viz. An epistle from the church of Church in ——— to the messengers of the severall churches of Christ, who are now assembled att a generall meetinge in Dorchester. The subject matter of most of them (besides salutations) was to inquire the estate of the other churches, and to give an accounte of there owne; the motive to both beinge the consideration of the season, which they asserit to be a time of apostasy and persecution, wherein the sufferings of Syon were. There subscription was under such terms; Subscribed by your fellow-members and sufferers in the body of Christ. The regulator of this affaire was one Collier, a clarke, all the while attendinge and recordinge the said epistles. The afternoone was spent in prayer, and such kinde of preachinge as they customary use; wherein there were eight employed that little time. In there prayer all of them much complained of the bonds and sufferings of the saints; some callinge itt the time of Syon's affliction, wherein those that have beene glorious lights on the right and left hand, are shutt up in bonds; vehemently prayinge, that in order to there deliverance, God would put a hooke into the nostrills of, and destroy him, who is the enemy of God and his people. In both these meetinges there were about three hundred persons. The same afternoone came captain Kiffin, captain Deane, one of the treasurers at warr, Mr. Warren, Mr. Harrison, and six more from London, to attend this meetinge.

Wensday in the forenoone the like or a greater number mett in the same place againe; and after prayer, performed by captaine Kiffin, many epistles (so called) were presented and read under the same inscription, and of like substance with those of the day before. The remainder of the time then, as also the afternoone, was spent in answering certain questions, viz.

1. Whither one of these church-members, beinge poore, might lawfully seeke after and receive reliefe from the world?
2. Whither a church-member might lawfully marry with an unbeliever?
3. Whither a teacher might preach and presse such truthes (not beinge fundamental) on his hearers, as appearinge soe to him, are yet not generally received for such by the churches in generall?
4. What is to be understood by anointinge with oyle, mentioned in the epistle of James, &c. whither itt were materiall oyle they anointed with, and whither such unction be now in use?
5. Whither layinge on of hands bee now equisitt to be used?

The debate about these questions was very greate, and the answers at last resolved soe empty, as not worth reciteinge. All that was donne besides, was the proposall of a little manuscript they had got printed, intituled, Sertaine questions and answers proposed and answered att fower generall meetings; two whereof were to bee sent to each church, who sent there messengers thither: the contents whereof I could not understand. That afternoone one John Cary, captaine Vernon, and adjutant Allen came to town. Att night there was a private meetinge in the George, where many of the principple ones were; and amongst other thinges there debated, a greate contest arise aboute there joyneinge with the fifth-monarchy-men; but for that time not concluded, by reason of captaine Kiffin's opposeing itt.

Thursday morninge, a little after eight of the clocke, there mett att the George-inn all the grandees, with the pastors and teachers only, where (the doore beinge close shutt, and all resort of others denied untill two in the afternoone) they sate close in debate; but whither about the fifth-monarchy-busines, (broke off the night before) or what else, could not learne. All the day their publique meetinge in the accustomed place was carried on and managed in prayinge and speakinge as before; but att eveninge, another close meetinge was held; to what purpose also, unknowne.

Friday morninge they mett againe in the accustomed place, the forenoone, in prayer.

In the close of these meetinge it was published, that the messengers of the churches were desired to meete att the same chamber they mett in the night before, to receive an accounte of the result of the generall meetinge, to communicate to the severall churches from whom they came, and to receive information of the day and place appointed for the next generall meetinges; but what their conclusions were, or the day and place assigned for



A.D. 1651. for the next meetinge, wee could not learne. This donne, the company disperfed to there  
 respective homes. We are

Your Honour's and the commonwealth's

faithfull and moft humble fervants,

15. May, 1658.

JOHN COOKE,  
 DANIEL CARY,  
 GEORGE FORDE.

The principall perfons at this meetinge  
 were thefe under;

Mr. John Cary.  
 Adjutante Allen,  
 Captaine Vernon.  
 Lond<sup>rs</sup>. Captaine Deane, one of the treafurers at warr.  
 Captaine Kiffin.  
 Mr. Warren.  
 Mr. Harrifon.  
 Mr. Collier of Wells.  
 Mr. Strange of Barneftaple.  
 Mr. Sheires of Plimouth.  
 Mr. Mercer of Bridgewater.  
 Mr. Glaffe of Bovey-Tracy.  
 Mr. Hitch of Lime.

The names of the other wee could not get.

*Colonel Barkftcad, lieutenant of the Tower, to fecretary Thurloe.*

RIGHT HONOURABLE,

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SUMNER and Fryer are here; Harrifon is certaynely noe houfe-keeper in or neare Aldersgate, and foe cannot be heard off; only the party, that I fent for him, apprehended four genteele fellowes, in a desperate malignant ale-house, which can give noe good account of their being together at that tyme, or how they live otherwife. Somerton hath not layne at his houfe thefe five or fix dayes, but they expect him to-morrow, whom I fhall look after. There are foe many of the Carletons, and having not his chriitian name or place of abode, I know not which to apprehend. Major Cane, againft whom the information of John Halleman was, (which I fent the laft night inclofed to his highnes) I apprehended at the tyme and place as in the information. Soe foon as I faw him, I knew him: he was a major in the late king's army; and after they were beaten out of the field, ferved in Wallingford; and was accounted, both by myfelfe and others, one of the ftoutest officers of that garrifon. He had planted himfelfe in the midft of the butchers at Algate, at a cooke's fhop, where he had layne for three monethes by-paft. There were two other taken with him: had it not byn for the beating up of the drummes, and allarum in the city, they had byn a greater number. There are feverall others taken up in the ftreets, by my petrolls, which I have not yet had tyme to examine. As for horfe, in all that part of the towne, there were very few innes; and all places being ftriely examined, they found not above forty, which were moft of them carr-horfe. Soe farre as I am able to judge, their refolution was to horfe themfelves where they could take them by force, as to their greater number. I fhall not faile to wayte upon you to-morrow; only I thought it my duty to give this to you at prefent, from

Your moft affectionate friend,

and hearty fervant,

May 16. 1658.

JO. BARKSTEAD.

Some boxes of piftolles, which were feifed upon by fome of my men, whilft they fent for a ftronger guard to fetch them off, they were forced from them by a party ftronger then they fent from Paul's.

*A letter*



*A letter of intelligence.*

SIR,

Hague, May 28. [1658. N. S.]

A.D. 1658.

SINCE my last, which was the first I ever had the honor to address from these parts, Vol. lix.  
according to directions, I returned to the Hague, to resolve on some buisness, and P. 117.

receive new instructions; the former not sufficient for future resolves, 625 resolving, the  
Charles Stuart  
Franckford;

latter end of this weeke, or the beginning of next, for 70 147 31; 121 71 128 147  
Sidney Stocale,

161; and giving some passes to one 154 91 54, 122 190 155 162 129 47 92 107  
elect. Brand. Ch. Stew. Ormond,

61, and others, for the service of 663. 625 takes very few with him; 629, my lord  
Gerard,

77 63, 149 33 150 57, and some few. I am designed yet to goe in the place of  
secretary Nicholas, where I

157 64 51 151, 65 549 552 463 292 419 159 599 95, shal be able to doe you no  
O Neale Brussels England;

inconsiderable service. Sunday last was seavenighte 485 320 422 came to 638 from 667.  
Ormond is come Brussels. Sunday last Ch. Stew. D. York, D. Gloucester, Prs. Roy. his son, and Ho-

629 404 293 to 638. 545 303 420, 625, 626 627, 623, 382 382, 545 239 383  
court did dine the burghers of Brussels: all

quin 297 151 163 310 309 460 with 554 277 148 363 143 157 481 638: 231  
at another table

251 489 549 276 110 were very highlie received, and with much ceremony; stay'd till  
about 8 of the clock. Monday last don John, and the marquis

214 8 481 554. 51 112 130 52 100, 68 451 123 303 420 628 239 554  
Caracena, marched to the army. On tuesday prince Condé, D. York,

438, 151 quis 283 518 289 67 445 329 563 554 246. 484 tues 303 624, 626,  
D. Gloucester, and Ho- court on wednesday. All make fourteen thousand

627 239, 383 quin 297 151 163 484 484 177, 62 123 159 303 231 443 554  
horse. They have but 5 or 6 thousand foot.

552 560 560 383. 149 146 66 554 y 778 279 5 or 6 560 353 552. Most of the  
D. Gloucester's men are lost. Ormond's seven hundred; Ch. Stu. as many. They are said

627 447 241 431. 629 regiment consists of 7 387; 625 249 441. 554 190 245  
to be four thousand Dunkirk.

61 534 305 563 266 4 560 in 635. But of this, and what else that happen, I shall  
certainly give you an account by the next poste; by which you shal be confirmed,

that I am,

SIR,

Your unfained, assured freind and servant,

WILLIAM BROWNE.

Culpepper

Holland.

650 is in North 677. I shal know hereafter his imployment. The next you shall  
Brussels.  
receive from 638.

The Supercription.

*A Monsieur Monsieur Thomas Plampin, à la Rose-blanche en Bredstreete, London.**Captain Stoakes to secretary Thurloe.*

RIGHT HONORABLE,

IN my last from Furmitora I gave a full relation of the statt of the Squadron, and of Vol. lix.  
what had passed att Leagorne, and my intention in plying towards Cadiz, in hopes P. 103.  
to meet with the victuallers; since which time I have ranged all the coast of Spaine as  
farre as Malaga, where the last of Aprill wee surprized a Spanish man of warre of 24  
gunes and 120 men, which had his station att Gibraltar, in the mouth of the straites,  
and had done much hurt; and (in all probability) would have done much more, if not  
timely taken off. The windes proveing verey boystrous att west, I was by noe means  
able to gett out of the straites, although I endeavored many dayes; and was the more  
earneste, by reason of the intilgence I had from the captaine I tooke, and from a  
Holander whoe came lattly out of Cadiz, that the Spanish fleet are in the bay of Cadiz,  
reedy to saill for the Indes; 38 or 40 saill in all: 17 of them are to convoy the Indes  
men as farre as the Canaries, and then to returne to Naples. One of there best men of  
warre